

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

Alvord Iowa 51230
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No: A2012-94

Joanne C Smith Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Alvord post office. The Final Determination was posted _____ (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I believe that the final determination should be reversed because the patron's concern for economic savings has not been appropriately addressed. The cost of the purchase and maintenance of the Cluster Box Units is not clearly defined by previous findings.

The extent of the additional responsibilities for the rural carriers is not clearly outlined. I believe that the cost estimate for the change is too low. I believe the annual cost of the replacement service of \$14,253 is not adequately representative of the real cost involved.

The research shown by the study indicated that there was little projected growth in the community, yet within the past several months at least two businesses have begun in the community.

The community of Alford deserves a reconsideration regarding the postal service as it is currently offered.